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Finding Aid

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Collection Summary

Identifier

UA 53.9

Title

William H. Powers Papers

Creator

W.H. (William Howard) Powers

Dates

1907-1950

Extent

0.21 linear feet -- 1 small document case

Language

English

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Abstract

William H. Powers was library at SDSC from 1905-1931. This collection consists mainly of notes and research for history of South Dakota State University. Also includes correspondence and notes related to the Brookings Public Library, Ethical Culture Club and the World Disarmament Committee.

Biographical Note

William H. Powers was born in northwest Ohio. He attended Miami University in Oxford, OH, receiving his B.A. in 1891. He obtained his M.A. from Harvard University in 1899. After teaching at Huron College in Huron, South Dakota for a few years, he became the librarian of South Dakota State College in 1905, a position he held until 1931.

In addition to his service to the university, Powers was a charter member of the South Dakota Academy of Science, as well as the Forum. He served on the SD State Library commission, as well as the Brookings Public Library Board of Trustees, and was instrumental in getting a Carnegie Library placed in Brookings. He was also involved in the Boy Scouts from a very early date.

Powers died in 1936.

Contents Note

This collection is composed mainly of Powers' notes and materials he wrote about his history of the college. For the most part, these are draft materials. Also included are some correspondence and some totally unrelated material. This material includes notes about the foundation of the Brookings Public Library, and notes on the World Disarmament Committee, including a petition against conscription signed by many university faculty.

Key Words

Aldrich, J.M. (John Merton)

Brookings Public Library (Brookings, S.D.)

Forum (Brookings, S.D.)

Harding, A. S. (Albert Spencer), 1867-1952

Kerr, R. F. (Robert Floyd), 1850-1921

McLouth, Lewis

Powers, W. H. (William Howard), 1868-1936

South Dakota State University -- History

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World Disarmament Committee (Brookings, S.D.)

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1	4	Correspondence - J.M. Aldrich	1930-1931
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1	6	Writings - History	undated
1	7	Writings - McLouth administration	undated
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1	9	Writings - Robert F. Kerr	undated
1	10	Writings - Upheaval of 1893	undated
1	11	World Disarmament Committee	1917